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St. *James's*, *July* 16.

HIS Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint Henry Strode, Esq; Sheriff for Somersetshire, in the Room of William Appleu, Esq; deceased.

Lisbon, *July* 12. The Squadron of Dutch Men of War commanded by Admiral Somersdyck, designed against the Algerines, passed by this Port on the 14th of last Month. That Admiral sent in two of his Ships, with Orders to Captain Osterwick Commander of one of them, to make his Compliments to the King of Portugal, and to desire the Freedom of this Port; which the Dutch Resident had likewise done some Time since by Direction from the States. On the 17th the said Officer had Audience of his Portuguese Majesty, and on the 20th those two Men of War put to Sea again for Cadiz, there to join the Squadron; which consists of eight Ships, whose Station of cruising is between Cape St. Vincent and Malaga. Letters from Cadiz of the 22d past advise, that nine Galleons, with two Men of War and three Frigates, under the Command of Don Balthazar Guevara, sailed on the 21st for New Spain. His Britannick Majesty's Ship the Dursley Galley sailed out of this River for Gibraltar the 10th Instant; the Dover continues here.

Berne, *July* 16. The Deputies of all the Cantons are still assembled at Frawenfeld. There was lately a Meeting at Arberg, about four Leagues from hence, between the Deputies of the Cantons of Berne, Soleure, and Fribourg, the Cities of Bienne, Neufchatel, Geneva, and other neighbouring Places; and it was agreed by all, but those of Geneva, to conform themselves to what should be resolved upon in the General Diet, with Regard to the Interdiction of Commerce with France at this Juncture. The Proposal of Geneva was to leave the Passage of Burgundy open into this Country, upon Pretence that there was nothing to be apprehended from that Part of France; but the rest were against it. The Result of this Meeting at Arberg has been transmitted to the General Diet at Frawenfeld. The 3d Instant, a little before Nine in the Morning, an Earthquake was felt throughout this City; it lasted but a Moment: The Shock was felt at the same Time precisely, as near as can be guess'd, at Berne, Basil, Zurich, Lucerne and Zug, but it was most violent at Basil and Zug, where it caused a general Consternation; but no Damage was done any where by it.

Paris, *July* 23. The Parliament has caused the Sentence against the Duke de la Force to be printed, together with an Extract of the whole Proceeding. The Duke de la Force did not assist at the last Council of Regency, and 'tis given out he designs to retire to his Country-Seat for some time. M. de la Trudaine, Counsellour of State, and formerly Prevot des Marchands, died on the 21st Instant. The Cardinal de Noailles has published a second Pastoral Letter, exhorting the Clergy of his Diocese to contribute charitably to the Relief of the distressed Inhabitants of Provence; whence we hear that the Distemper diminishes very much at Toulon, but continues to rage with Violence at Arles and St. Remy. According to our Advices from la Canourgue of the 7th Instant, they had that Day four dead and five sick of the Plague; but we do not hear that it has spread beyond the Lines that were drawn lately round that Canton, and which are strictly guarded by regular Troops. The Turkish Ambassadour's Baggage is to set forward on the 27th Instant in order to be imbarked, and his Excellency will follow very shortly. He went some Days ago to see the King's Library, and meeting his Majesty in the Street St. Honoré, the King ordered his Coach to stop near that of the Ambassadour's, whom he entertained a while, wishing him once more a good Journey. On the 21st that Ambassadour took his Leave of the Count de Thoulouse and the Archbishop of Cambray. The same Day the Duke du Maine reviewed the Regiment of Swiss Guards in the Plain des Sablons.

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